

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and Petition for three-month Extension of Time to respond to the final Office action mailed on September 12, 2007, for the following application:

**Application**

Application Serial No: 10/743,577  
Filed on: December 22, 2003  
Inventors: Sveum et al.  
Title: BRACE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A VEHICLE AT A LOADING DOCK  
Art Unit: 3652  
Examiner: Gina M. Lupino  
Attorney Docket No.: 92/P03-014A

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for Extension of Time are being electronically deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **March 10, 2008**.

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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. Previously Submitted:

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed:

- i.  Reply
- ii.  Declaration Of Common Ownership
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Fees

Fee for Claims

The fee for additional claims [(37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)] has been calculated as shown below:

|                                                |                                  |                                 |               | SMALL ENTITY |                | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                                                | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate         | Additional Fee | Rate                      | Additional Fee |
| TOTAL                                          | 13                               | MINUS                           | 26            | = 0          | x25=           | \$                        | x50= \$0.00    |
| INDEP.                                         | 2                                | MINUS                           | 3             | = 0          | x105=          | \$                        | x210= \$0.00   |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim |                                  |                                 |               | +180=        | \$             | +360=                     | \$0.00         |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE</b>                    |                                  |                                 |               |              | \$             | <b>OR</b>                 | \$0.00         |

Extension of Time

This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

| EXTENSION<br>(Months) | FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY |            | FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY |            |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| One Month             |                      | \$120.00   |                      | \$60.00    |
| Two Months            |                      | \$460.00   |                      | \$230.00   |
| Three Months          | X                    | \$1,050.00 |                      | \$525.00   |
| Four Months           |                      | \$1,640.00 |                      | \$820.00   |
| Fifth Month           |                      | \$2,230.00 |                      | \$1,115.00 |

**If an additional Extension of Time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.**

Extension Fee: \$1,050.00

An extension for        month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$        is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Deduction: \$

**Extension Fee Due With This Request \$1,050.00**

**3. Method of Payment**

- a.  A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the following:
- b.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.
- c.  An electronic funds transfer is submitted in the amount of **\$1,860.00** for the following:
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$810.00
  - ii.  Extension of time fee 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a) in the amount of \$1,050.00
  - iii.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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